

VISIT...

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MATERIALS

Reading
Passage:
Part 1 (2 copies)

Timing device;
Graph

Reading
Passage:
Part 2 (2 copies)

Game cards;
Game board;
Markers

Introducing the Passage



5 minutes

Read part 1 of the passage *The Iditarod* to provide a model of fluent reading. Read with expression at a normal reading pace, taking about one minute to read the passage.

Give the child a copy of the passage. Read the passage again, having the child read along with you. If he/she has difficulty reading along, slow the pace or read a small chunk (one or two sentences), and then have the child read that chunk with you. Continue reading smaller chunks until you and the child have read the entire passage. Read the entire passage with the child one or two more times.

Building Fluency



5–10 minutes

Have the child read the passage out loud while you time him/her for one minute. As the child reads, place a check mark on your copy of the passage over each word that he/she misreads. If the child pauses for three seconds, tell him/her the word and mark it as an error. Do not correct errors during the reading. After one minute, tell the child to stop. Circle the last word the child read. Help the child plot the number of words read on the graph. The goal is 130 words per minute at at least 90% accuracy.

Discuss errors once the child has completed the reading. Discuss word-attack strategies such as sounding out parts of words, looking for smaller words or recognizable chunks within larger words, and thinking about how the meanings of words relate to other parts of the text.

Do not exceed more than four independent readings of a passage in a single session. If the child seems to have too much difficulty, drop to a lower level during the next tutoring session.

Checking for Understanding



5 minutes

Ask the child to retell the passage. Look for detail in his/her retelling. Give the child time to respond independently. If needed, prompt with the following questions:

What is the Iditarod? (an Alaskan sled-dog race)

How long does the race take? (more than a week)

Where does the race end? (Nome)

If time permits, repeat the steps above using part 2 of the passage, *The Iditarod*.

Optional Activity



5–10 minutes

PLAYING A WORD GAME: Stack the game cards number-side down. Have the child draw a card, read the word, and say the adverbial form of the word (-ly ending). For example, if the word is *careful*, the child should say *carefully*. Have the child check the answer on the back of the card. If the child is correct, he/she can move the number of spaces along the game board indicated on the card. If the child is incorrect, he/she cannot move. Have the child place the card at the bottom of the stack. It is now your turn to draw a card. Repeat if time permits.

Part 1

Every year since 1973, dozens of men and women have participated in 12
 what is known as "The Last Great Race on Earth." The Alaskan sled-dog 26
 race, better known as the Iditarod, is without a doubt one of the most 40
 grueling sporting events ever held. 45

The official opening of the race is a bustling ceremony in Anchorage. Not 58
 every team starts at the same time. Instead, teams take off at two-minute 72
 intervals to prevent teams from running into each other. The differences in 84
 time are erased at the required 24-hour stop, where officials hold the teams 98
 back for a few extra minutes. 104

Since the race takes over a week to complete, there are 26 checkpoints 117
 along the route where mushers and dogs can rest. Before the race begins, 130
 mushers send dog food and other supplies to the checkpoints so they will not 144
 have to carry them on the trail. The trail ends in the small city of Nome. 160
 During the winter, the sun rises for only a few hours a day, and the race is 177
 a welcome celebration for the residents. 183



The busy start in Anchorage

Part 2

The Iditarod trail is filled with some of the most beautiful scenery in the world. It crosses the Alaska Mountain Range at a gap known as Rainy Pass, though during the Iditarod, it is more likely to be a snowy pass. Along the way, it passes through thick forests and over frozen tundra. The teams must cross frozen streams and rivers, which can be deadly if the ice is too thin. Wild animals such as moose have been known to attack and kill dogs. And racers can encounter fierce storms with arctic winds and driving snow.	14 28 43 56 71 85 96
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Citizens of Nome line the streets to watch the finishers come in. While 55 to 75 mushers usually start, every year several drop out because of sickness, injury, or simple exhaustion. Today, winners of the Iditarod usually complete the race in 10 to 12 days. The record time of 8 days, 22 hours, and 46 minutes was set in 2002 by Martin Buser. There can be a full week between the times when the first and last mushers cross the finish line.	111 123 134 151 166 178
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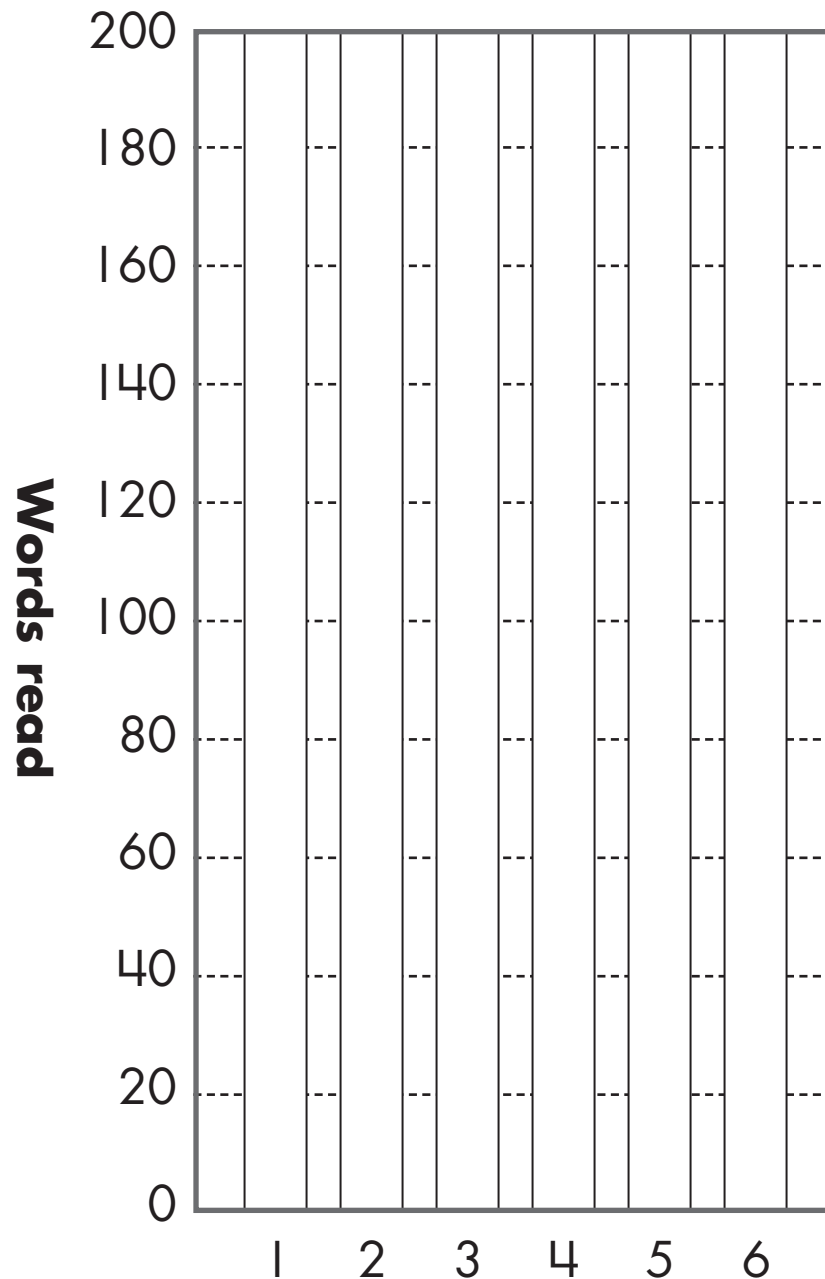
Jeff King, Iditarod champion in 1993, 1996, and 1998

Fluency

Repeated Reading Bar Graph

Lesson V-1

Name _____ Date _____



Number
of errors: _____
1 2 3 4 5 6

Directions: These game cards are two-sided. Print or copy back-to-back to make one set of cards.

Fluency

 Game Cards (FRONT)

Lesson V-1

fierce

quick

careful

slow

dead

beautiful

horrible

happy

enthusiastic

powerful

near

fearless

wonderful

thorough

terrible

large

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Fluency

 Game Cards (BACK)

Lesson V-1

slowly

1

carefully

2

quickly

1

fiercely

4

happily

2

horribly

3

beautifully

4

deadly

3

fearlessly

4

nearly

3

powerfully

2

enthusiastically

5

largely

4

terribly

2

thoroughly

5

wonderfully

5

